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FOR MESSAGE DISPLAY ON A
GOLF COURSE**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

The captioned application is a continuation application from prior application 08/926,293 filed September 5, 1997 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). In an Office Action Mailed November 4, 2003 in the prior case, claims 52-71 were withdrawn from consideration as “directed to an invention that is independent or distinct.” This preliminary amendment presents these claims for examination. Accordingly, prior to initial examination of the captioned matter, please amend the case as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3.